



Boston City Council
Committee on Public Safety
Stephen J. Murphy, Chair

October 20, 2010

Dear Councillors:

The Boston City Council's Committee on Public Safety to which was referred, on April 28, 2010 – August 4, 2010 – August 25, 2010 – September 15, 2010 and September 29, 2010 [respectively]:

Docket # 0592 - *Message and order authorizing the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to accept & expend a grant of \$400,000.00 from the Federal Government under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 for Assurance Planning for the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management.*

Docket # 1076 - *Message and order authorizing the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to accept & expend a grant of \$11,651,680.00 from DHS, UASI Grant FY 2009 to address the unique, planning, training, exercise, equipment and operational needs of large urban areas.*

Docket #1078 - *Message and order authorizing the City to accept & expend a grant of \$1,400,000.00 from various Government Agencies, including FEMA, as reimbursement for expenses incurred due to storms & flooding in March & April 2010.*

Docket # 1079 - *Message and order authorizing the City to accept & expend a grant of \$1,378,249.00 from DHS for the purpose of catastrophic planning within the designated region, including the Boston Urban Area, Providence Urban Area, Commonwealth of Mass, State of New Hampshire and Rhode Island.*

Docket # 1081 - *Message and order authorizing the Fire Academy to establish in accordance with General Law Ch.44, Sec. 53E1/2 a revolving fund to accept from the fund up to max of \$200,000.00 for purpose of purchasing training equipment, certifying instructors, updating facilities and providing funds for other training needs not otherwise budgeted for.*

Docket # 1145 - *Message and order authorizing the Fire Department to accept & expend a Port Security Program Grant of \$1,180,257.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – Executive Office of Public Safety & Security for construction of CBRNE Watercraft.*

Docket # 1146 - *Message and order authorizing the Public Health Commission to accept & expend a grant of \$750,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs FY 2009 Discretionary Grant Programs, for the purpose of violence intervention & prevention in the City.*

Docket # 1147 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend \$300,000.00 of the FY 2010 ICAC Program award, from the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, to identify child victims of commercial sexual exploitation, provide services and support for them & investigate & prosecute cases against adults who exploit children and youth.*

Docket # 1224 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$ 904,932.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, for the FY 09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds for supporting crime prevention & law enforcement.*

Docket # 1225 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept & expend a grant of \$307,967.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the FY 2010 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program.*

Docket # 1226 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend the FY 2010 (VAWA) STOP grant of \$43,560.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to support the BPD's Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate.*

Docket # 1351 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$749,828.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance funded under the FY 2010 Second Chance Act Prisoner Re-entry Initiative for the purpose of funding the Boston Re-entry Partnership Initiative.*

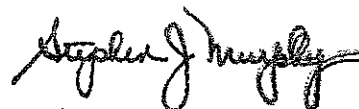
Docket # 1352 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$175,000.00 from the FY 2010 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance funded under the FY 2010 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program.*

Docket # 1353 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expand a grant of \$172,574.00 from the FY 2010 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Formula funded by the National Institute of Justice.*

Docket # 1354 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$80,000.00 from the Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grants Program funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs passed through from the Massachusetts State Police.*

Docket # 1355 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$75,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, for the purpose of supporting law enforcement response to human trafficking.*

having considered the same, I respectfully recommend that these matters ought to pass.



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2009 Boston Police Department Justice Assistance Grant
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Grant Program: Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Funding Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance

Award Year: This is the 7th year of this grant award

Award Period: 10/1/09-9/30/13

Area Served: Citywide

Award Amount: \$904,932.00 **Match:** 0

Budget Items: **Salary and Fringe for (1 year):**

4 DV advocates & 1 DV Analysts	\$388,021.10
1 Technology Initiatives Analyst	\$107,565.62
1 P/T analyst YVSF	\$46,966.17
3 Senior Research & Policy Analyst	\$239,457.20
1 Homicide Advocate	\$64,310.01
1 Video Producer/Editor	\$32,371.77
City of Boston Indirect fee: (grant administration)	\$26,240.13

**** The other DV advocates are currently funded under the Boston Multi-disciplinary Advocacy Support Project (BMA SP) under the OVW FY2009 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program until 12/31/2011.**

Description (Abstract):

The Boston Police Department intends to utilize JAG funds to provide for continuation of several crucial initiatives, including: Domestic Violence Advocacy at the District Level; Research and Analysis Capacity at the Youth Violence Strike Force; Strategic Planning, Policy Analysis and Research; field and investigative material development, technology innovations and homicide victim support. These initiatives, described below, are aligned with the Bureau of Justice Assistance priority concerns, and would not be possible without JAG support.

Details: The main goals main goals of this funding are 1.) To reduce violence and crime across City of Boston; and 2) employ data-driven, collaborative, community oriented approaches to crime prevention, intervention and enforcement.

We will achieve our goals through the following strategies:

- 1.) Located in the district stationhouses the DV Advocates provide safety planning, service referral, and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system to domestic violence victims. Culturally sensitive domestic violence advocates provide support to victims in navigating the criminal justice system as well as ensure they receive necessary services.
- 2.) Youth Violence Intervention and Prevention Programming Support: Ensures the coordination, management, tracking and monitoring of some of BPD's most innovative and proven effective youth violence prevention, intervention and enforcement programs. Time Analyst at the YVSF is responsible for coordination, facilitation, tracking and monitoring, and evaluation of YVSF initiatives. Initiatives include Operation Homefront and Night Light, the Street Violence Suppression project and many others.
- 3.) Research and Policy Analysis to inform program development, implementation and evaluation: Providing crime analysis, problem analysis and research to ensure the development of the most effective programs

and solutions. The Research and Development Office contributes to Community Policing in Boston by providing excellence in four key areas of responsibility for BPD: 1) Program and Partnership Development; 2) Best Practices Research and Program Evaluation; 3) Strategic Planning and Change Management; and 4) Resource Development.

- 4.) Field and Investigative Material development to support programming and functions: Provides multi-media publication in directing, producing, script writing, graphic design, editing and taping or broadcasting 'live' multi-camera shoots of public meetings.
- 5.) Technology Innovations: Provides ongoing research, development and implementation of technology solutions that facilitate improvements in intelligence and information sharing and ultimately improves efficiency in responding to crime. The Technology Coordinator provides management and coordination of new applications and support functions for applications and technology initiatives.
- 6.) Homicide victim support: Ensure appropriate services and referrals to surviving families of homicide victims and to witnesses in homicide investigations.

Future Funding: We anticipate another year of funding after this